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PALL OF DEEP GLOOM

(CONCLUDED FROM FOURTH PAGE.) er Hall, at Purdue University, at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

PRESIDENT STONE'S WORK.

He Did All in the Power of Man to Relieve Suffering.

friends of the dead," said Dr. Stone, president of Purdue, as he sank into a chair

car, he sent telegrams, stating their con- the Purdue memorial. dition and saying that everything in his power was being done for them. Dr. strain of the calamity began to tell on ington last night. him. In spite of his wonderful self-control, one could see the extent of his deep suffering. His face was pale and drawn and the reaction after his untiring work was beginning to weigh him down. After he completed his list of those at the hotels and different hospitals, he remained in his room at the Denison the remainder of the afternoon, leaving word with the clerk to send all friends of the dead and injured

DELEGATION FROM INDIANA. While he was engaged sending out telegrams, a delegation of Indiana University officials, including President Bryan, Senator Joseph Shea Prof. Sampson and J. W. Fesler, vis'end Dr. Stone in his room at the Denison and tendered him their sympathy and services. Secretary Jamieson, of the Purdue Athletic Association, some time conferring about the game. Dr. Stone said that every thing should be called off and those who wished their money back for tickets already purchased | The financial condition of the Purdue loss," he said. "Not only has Purdue Unicould get it after matters were cleared up. Athletic Association is fairly good, and versity suffered great loss but every eduried forward to the scene where the front and human bodies. He said the sight was so terrible he could not bear to think of It and that it took all his strength to remain on the scene and aid in the rescue of the unfortunates. He maintained that the calamity was so great that he would rather not talk about it and said that he would remain in the city for several days assisting in the care of the injured and notifying their friends and parents.

RETURNED TO THE HOTEL. It was half past 2 when Dr. Stone returned to the hotel, with a correspondent of one of the Lafayette papers, whom he sent back to the university at 3 o'clock with as complete a list of the dead and injured as he could secure and the places so which they had been taken. He had not taken time to wash since assisting at the scene of the wreck and his coat and collar and cuffs were smeared with blood and | terday to bring them out of debt. dirt and showed that he had worked hard for his students. After he had dismissed the Lafavette correspondent and members of the Purdue Athletic Association, he took off his coat and washed his hands, ordered a pitcher of ice water and sat down in one of the large chairs with his head in his hands. The reaction was beginning to overcome him and he tried to keep his mind from the terrible scene. He asked that everybody who wanted to see him be sent to his room and that nobody be kept out, as he wished to be of service to every one. During the afternoon numerous students and friends visited the room and remained with him for a few minutes, inautring about the unfortunate students. In the rooms adjoining that of Dr. Stone were a number of the less injured students. When he was told of the fact he went at once to the rooms and later sent telegrams to their friends.

SHOCKED BY THE HORROR.

Prof. Sampson, of Indiana University, Expresses His Feelings.

Said Dr. Sampson, professor of the English department of the State University, at the Claypool Hotel yesterday afternoon:

the Purdue students this morning. I know of no wreck as terrible as this one. The horror of the thing grows upon me as I think of it. It is one of those things one cannot grasp or comprehend until days or hours after it has happened. What a sad and terrible ending has come of the day which the Purdue and Indiana University students planned to make such a gala occasion. This morning the Indiana students left Bloomington and the Purdue students left Lafayette, happy and light hearted, to have the biggest hollday of the year in In-

"Now some of the boys from Purdue lie dead and two score or more lie in hospitals injured as the result of this terrible accident. I can think of nothing, almost, which would cause such general consternation as this wreck. When we pulled into the Union Station about 11 o'clock this morning on the special train from Bloomington the hundreds of students from Indiana were just getting ready to give their 'yells' and to march down town behind the band. Before we were off the train news of the wreck reached us. In a few minutes we began to hear of the extent of the wreck and the loss of life and pretty soon we knew that the game was called off and that the day had been turned into one of sadness instead of a holiday."

MEMORIAL TO THE DEAD.

Faculty and Students of Indiana Will Hold It To-Morrow.

The students and the members of the faculty of Indiana University will hold a memorial service at the university in Bloomington to-morrow to draft resolutions of sympathy with Purdue Univer-

It was decided to hold the memorial service to-morrow at a meeting at the Clay-



HARRY G. LESLIE, FULL BACK. He is not fatally injured.

"It is too terrible a thing to talk about. | pool Hotel yesterday afternoon. Dr. Wil-We are crushed and overwhelmed with the liam Lowe Bryan, president of the unicalamity. I am trying to do all I can for | versity, and several members of the faculty, the injured and to notify the parents and | and several trustees of the intsitution, attended the meeting.

Arrangements will be made to-morrow at in his room at the Denison yesterday after- | Bloomington by the State University to noon, after having worked for hours, part | send several representatives to Lafayette of the time at the scene and the re- to take part in the Purdue memorial servmainder of the time in visiting the in- ice which will be held the latter part of fured and compiling a list of the dead and | the week, it is expected. Dr. Sampson, proinjured and notifying their parents and | fessor of the English department, who is As soon as he could ascertain the ad- | the State University, will be among those dresses of the parents of those in the front | who will represent Indiana University at

President Bryan did not return to Bloomington with the students last night. He will Stone had worked so hard that he had no remain in the city to-day, returning to time to give way to the terrible strain, Bloomington to-night, perhaps. Athletic but when he reached his room at the ho- Director Horne accompanied the students tel and had sent out the last telegram, the from the State University back to Bloom-

FOR A RELIEF FUND.

Purdue and Indiana Students Will Not Ask that Tickets Be Redeemed.

Purdue and Indiana students who purchased tickets for the game have decided not to ask that their money be refunded. The advance sale of seats in Lafayette for the game amounted to about \$1,000 and at Bloomington to \$600. The advance sale in Indianapolis was about \$500. Manager Horne, of Indiana, and W. G. Kaylor, acting for Manager Leslie, of Purdue, announced last evening that the money for the tickets sold in Indianapolis would be refunded at Huder's drug store on next Tuesday and Wednesday to those who desire to have their tickets redeemed. The actual expenses of the game, such as advertising, etc., will be paid from the money secured from the sale of tickets at Lafayette and Bloomington and the balance will be used for a fund for the injured and fam-

ilies of those killed. have been in the neighborhood of \$5,000 or fer equally. Indiana cannot afford to loose \$6.000, will not cause the Purdue association any financial embarrassment. The condition at Indiana, however, is not so prosperous, as the Indiana Athletic Association was depending largely on its share of the big game to place it in a good financial condition. Neither association, however, will car was a demolished mass of timber, iron | use the money that is to be derived from the fallure to redeem tickets, but will use it for the purpose stated.

Memorial Tablets for the Dend.

A movement was started yesterday by

Dr. Sampson, professor of the English department of the State University, and others connected with the faculties of both Indiana and Purdue, to use the money derived from the advance sale of seats to pay the expenses of both teams for the season, the remainder to be used for the purchase of memorial tablets in memory of the Purdue students who were killed. Dr. Sampson said yesterday afternoon that he thought this movement will meet with general favor. Both teams had gone to very heavy expense in preparation for the game to have been played yesterday and the managers of both teams were depending upon the receipts of the game yes-As for the disposal of the money left after the expenses of both teams are fully paid it is thought the best possible usage

of memorial tablets in honor of the dead Purdue students A meeting of representatives of the universites will be held in Indianapolis the coming week to definitely determine the disposal of the money. Major Lowden, of Bloomington, will represent the State University at the meeting here the coming week, and Purdue University will be represented by Mr. Jameson, one of the financial officials of the instituion.

it could be put to would be the purchase

INDIANA STUDENTS GO HOME.

Not a Very Mirthful Crowd of Young People at the Station.

The host of students from Indiana University returned to Bloomington late last night. The special train over the Monon road left Indianapolis at 11:30. The State University sent about 1,000 students to Indianapolis to see the Indiana-Purdue foot-

ball game. Like the crowd of Purdue students who "One cannot realize at once the extent and | Lafayette, of course, for the awful disaster

ly as it does to those from Purdue. The students from the State University spent the afternoon and evening about the Claypool Hotel, which was their headquarters, and at the theaters. The theater was not a source of very much pleasure

PRESIDENT OF PURDUE



to these young men and women, however, for most of them seemed to prefer to sit in the hotel and discuss the wreck. Only an occasional red and white ribbon was seen on the young men and women from the State University yesterday. In

News of the wreck of the Purdue train reached the delegation from Indiana University immediately after the special train from Bloomington over the Monon pulled into the Union Station. Hugh Martin, an upper classman in the State University. who was in the city when the accident happened, met the Bloomington delegation at the station. At once it was decided that there would be no "yells" given and that the parade down town behind the university band would be called off. When the students reached the Claypool Hotel more complete news of the disaster had reached the hotel. In a few minutes George Shaw, manager of the Indiana team, announced that it had been decided to call off the

SYMPATHY OF BUTLER COLLEGE.

It Is Expressed in View of the Calamity to Purdue.

President Scot Butler, of Butler University, was greatly shocked by the news of the wreck of the train bearing the Purdue students into the city. "It is a most lamentable occurence," he said, when he was told of the accident. "It is a calamity that shocks every one. I do not see how such a thing could have happened in broad daylight. It seems to me that it must have been due to gross carelessness on the part of the railroad officials. It is almost too terrible an accident to talk about. The students and faculty of Purdue and the friends and parents of the killed and injured should have the sympathy of the whole city

The students of Butler University had made elaborate preparations for the observance of Halloween last night. However, in view of the dreadful tragedy of the day, the programme for the evening was for the most part abandoned. A meeting students and faculty of the college participated and the following was adopted and ordered sent to President Stone:

The faculty and students of Butlet University, in mass meeting assembled wish to extend their sympathy to Purdue University, its faculty and students, in their affliction brought about by the calamity which befell them in the wreck this morning." A number of speeches were at the head of the Athletic Association of made by members of the faculty and several of the students.

SORROW AT STATEHOUSE.

Governor Durbin and Other Officials Inexpressibly Shocked.

The accident cast a shadow over the spirits of State officers and the awful details of the wreck were the topic of conversation everywhere in the Capitol building all after-Purdue and its students because it is State institution. Governor Durbin was inexpressibly shocked when the news of the wreck reached his office. He said it seemed to him that the fatai results were so much more deplorable because it was young men, the very flower of the institution, who suffered. The Governor expressed the keenest sympathy for the families of the victims. During the day it occurred to him that there was a practical side to this question and he headed a subscription list of \$50 to be paid to the athletic association for the benefit of the injured and the families of the dead who may require funds. The Governor said he hoped that no one who had purchased tickets to the football game in advance would ask for the return of the money as it could be used to substantial advantage by the association.

Nat U. Hill, treasurer of state, said the wreck would be a blow to the State. "We such splendid examples of character and manhood as exhibited by Robertson or Hamilton and the many brave boys that went down to death. Great gloom and sorrow has been cast over Indiana University. While the two institutions are contesting athletic supremacy and it was a fight to the finish without quarter, it was a friendly rivalry. Indiana students have not forgotten that it was the gallant Captain Robertson that made the 'place kick' on Stewart Field at Lafayette two years ago and scored for Purdue, nor do they fail to recognize that Purdue is a component part of the did achievements. Indeed to-day every heart in Indiana is full of sympathy and overwhelmed with sadness on account of night payment is made for both Saturday his terrible accident."

CREATED CONSTERNATION. The news of the wreck created consternation in the office of the secretary of state because a number of the employes of that office are residents of Lafavette. Miss Wade and Miss Leslie were both looking for friends from Lafayette. Secretary Storms was personally acquainted with a number of the Purdue players. "I reached the wreck in a few minutes after it hapemployes in the office were on the train and Miss Wade and Miss Leslie had gone to the depot to meet them. For this reason I hurthat there are not many more people killed. It was the worst wreck I ever saw. At a time like this we are prone to criticise and sometimes unjustly, yet seeing it as I do now, I cannot see any excuse for this accident. Someone has been terribly negligent. Most of the old men on the team I knew personally and to their relatives I wish to extend my deepest sympathy, especially to their mothers. It will fall harder on them than any others. It will cast a gloom over Purdue for many a day. It will almost crush kind-hearted Dr. Stone, for everyone knows he loves the boys who are placed

"This loss of life and maiming of persons in their youthful bouyancy is appallingoverwhelming," said R. A. Brown, clerk of the Supreme and Appellate Courts. "It overcomes with a sorrow that strikes one dumb. All one can do is to silently suffer from a sympathy that cannot find words for its expression. With the confidence and zeal of those who see victory they went down to death. Those who rejoice in their strength are now stilled in death or mourn their shocking loss. It seems to me the most deplorable wreck of its kind and loss of life in the history of Indiana. Every college will mourn with Purdue and every citizen will mourn with those upon whom this calamity falls with especial or per-G. H. Batchelor, chief deputy in the of-

of yesterday morning does not strike home any circumstances, but occurring at the to the students from Bloomington as greatstrikes us with more appalling force. Its

personality adds immeasureably to the sadness of the occurrence."
Secretary Downing, of the State Board of Agriculture, is one of the trustees of Purdue, and was naturally greatly shocked to hear of the accident. "It seems to me it was almost criminal negligence," he declared yesterday evening. "I am not an ardent admirer of the game of football." he continued, "or rather I should say I do not like to see the game carried to ex-tremes, but I hope this wreck will not be used as an argument against the game. It would have happened just the same, I believe, if these young men had been coming here to attend a Y. M. C. A. meeting." SEVERE IN CRITICISM.

State Geologist Blatchley was severe in his criticism of the railroad company and he declared that a lesson ought to be drawn from this accident. "It seems to me that the blame can be divided. Part of it should be laid at the door of the engifast inside the city limits. I'm told the train was running more than twenty miles strict enough orders regarding excursions or special trains. Such trains are more llable to have an accident because the switchmen and others are always on the lookout for regular passenger trains. It seems to me that when special trains of this kind are sent out the track should be kept clear before them. It occurs to me that a railroad company should be as careful to keept things out the way of the ordinary special or excursion as it would to clear the tracks for a special bearing the President of the United States or a railway magnate, be-

"I heard of this awful wreck and went home and cried about it," said State Statistician Johnson. "I never was more shocked in my life. I suppose we people who have had intimate relations with Purdue would naturally feel this more keenly. I had two children there in the class of 1898 and sympathy with Purdue they discarded the through them I sympathize with the stured and white and pinned on large black | dents. I had some special friends on the train and, of course, with all the sadness this terrible thing brought there was an element of joy about it when I learned my



friends were not hurt. My heart goes out to-night to the parents and families of these young men.'

CHARLES B. LANDIS IN TOWN.

He Expresses His Horror Over Wreck of the Purdue Special.

"In ten years there has not been such an awful wreck as that of the Purdue special train yesterday morning," said Representa- | morning. Then the charge began, some of tive Charles B. Landis at the Claypool Hotel last night. Mr. Landis is on his way to Washington to attend the special session of Congress.

"The magnitude of this disaster will not appeal to people until they read the list of the dead and injured. On this train were young men from almost every part of the country. The disaster will also show what a representative institution Purdue Univer-An ordinary wreck is an awful thing, but this wreck is much worse. When one stops to contemplate that here were 500 or more young men and women held together by one of the greatest bonds of comnoon. The State officers feel an interest in | mon fellowship and that more than a dozen of their number were hurled to instant death and more than two score maimed and injured, then will one begin to realize what an awful disaster this was and how much

worse it was than the ordinary railroad "This wreck emphasizes again, and plainly, the fact that railroads should use every known appliance and invention and suggestion to prevent such accidents. Here are these fifteen young men lying dead and nearly fifty of their comrades injuredsome seriously and others only slightlyas the result of somebody's carelessness. There is no use talking, this wreck was caused by carelessness. And railroads should be made to use every precaution within reason to prevent such disasters."

PAY DAY EVERY NIGHT.

One Way of Getting Work Out Shiftless Negroes.

American Lumberman.

There is a certain sawmill concern in the ongleaf yellow pine district which a couple of years ago, after studying the labor probare wholly unable to estimate the great | lem and the question of securing efficient work from its crew, composed largely of their black beans and their corn bread with ment freight. negroes, decided on a radical change-an all the relish in the world. Santa Anna's "Our stage manager decided that we Instead of the customary method of paying off its hands monthly, semi-monthly, or by checks at more frequent intervals, not remember. His mustache was white or daily, it concluded to pay in cash every It employs a timekeeper for this special purpose, who makes his rounds twice a day, finds out who is at work and promptly at 6 o'clock on the blowing of the whistle, is behind his window, with his payroll and cash before him, ready to attend to the men. In this particular mill. whose crew is large, about three-fourths appear every night for their money. The only exception as to the daily payroll is Friday night, when, in order that the weekly payroll may be figured out propereducational institutions of Indiana and In- ly, no payment is made. On Saturday diana students are proud of Purdue's splen- | night Friday's pay is handed out except to those who have not worked Saturday. They must wait until Monday. On Monday

> In abandoning their former system of payment this concern thought it wise also to abandon its store or commissary, though now its members say that if they wished to run a store they believed that they could do so as successfully as under the old sys-

Such a radical change in handling the payrool will probably be looked at scornfuly by most of our Southern readers, yet the members of this concern profess themselves to be not only satisfied, but highly leased with the results. All around them their neighbors are complaining of lack of help. Many mills are running short handed and there is a constant struggle to get hold of what men are available and willing to work. Efforts are made to import help ried to the wreck. The wonder to me is from other States. Yet this concern turns away men every day. It loses very few of Baron Humboldt. There was an air of mysits men, always has a full crew and has its pick. Furthermore, it is able to run every day in the week. It is not troubled by men | the venerable stranger's room and was gra- | fruit was set down before her, her eyes laying off to recuperate after Sunday or after the first of the month. This is the way that one of the members of this concern explains the happy effect of

the innovation: "The negro is a curious creature. is utterly improvident and when he gets money he must spend it at once. The less he has to spend the less chance there is for him to get drunk and unfit for work. Then he is more contented when he can jingle money in his pocket every day. As he is improvident, he must have either the he absolutely needs. By our method he has enough money to supply his daily wants. but never accumulates enough for a spree. Consequently he works practically every day and works cheerfully and faithfully. Exeprience is worth any amount of mere theory and there may be in the above outline of this method of handling the payour readers. It is true that one of the chief advantages secured-being given the preference by labor-would not accrue if fair.' all adopted the same methods. But there s little danger that this will be the case. In addition to questions of expediency, fice of R. A. Brown, said: "It would have the policy of doing some things that would been a sad and appalling calamity under | not be desirable or appreciated with a bet- hard. In several instances it blew post- time to time according to how many have expected legacy.

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ter class of laborers rests in this instance | holes clear over the river into Clay county. on a real benefit not only to the institution | Deacon Coates, of the Coates House, told | how many wee ones have come to take their itself but to the employed. It is an adap- me that it blew his cook stove seventeen places since last payday. The latest little tation of means to ends and of policies to miles and came back the next morning and arrival at the newest built wigwam receives conditions that is worthy of consideration. got the griddles."

SANTA ANNA'S CORK LEG.

An Old Texan Tells How He Aided in Its Capture and Carried It Off. Dallas (Tex.) News.

Dallas has the honor of claiming as one of her citizens the Mexican war veteran who at the battle of Cerro Gordo, in 1847, about a dozen Kansas City Journal recaptured Santa Anna's cork leg and came porters were returning from prayer meet-near capturing the "Napoleon of the West" inghimself. The veteran is named M. D. Prayer meeting?" Cenney. He is stationed here as a lecturer for his church. He has lived for a number of years in South Texas at Bay City, between Galveston and Houston. With Mr. Tinney is his wife, to whom alluded yesterday "as the young lady with | the wall andwhom I was corresponding when I was in

that campaign, and whom I afterward Mr. Tenney is nearly seventy-eight years of age. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tenney are as hearty and as lively aparently as a young couple Mr. Tenney was a member of the Fourth Illinois Regiment, Col. E. G. Baker, and of

Company G. Capt. Ed Jones. He was with them to Texas by express. General Scott, who landed at Vera Cruz and marched and fought his way for two hundred miles inland and unfurled the stars and stripes over the palaces of the Mexican capital. Mr. Tenney thus described the campaign during which he captured the cork leg of Santa Anna: "After landing at Vera Cruz and reducing the defenses we went on to the interior in the direction of the City of Mexico, the

objective point. We were stopped at Cerra Gordo, a mountainous position that had been fortified heavily by the Mexicans, This is about fifty miles northwest of Vera Cruz. The road led over and through the hills, and the pass was guarded by the Mexicans. Here we stalled for a while. "On the night of April 17, 1847, it was decided to make a road around the left of the mountain. This was completed the next us going around, some charging up the heights after the intrenched Mexicans. "On the night of the 17th, I and thirtynine others of my detachment got separated from our comrades, and wandered around, lost. Early in the morning we saw a road through the trees and made for it. Before we reached the open we saw a large number of Mexican soldiers. had come upon the national road to the City of Mexico, and had come in behind the Mexican army.

"Santa Anna was there in his carriage. and there were several wagonloads of silver dollars. A regiment of lancers and some other troops were guarding this important end of the army.

"Well, we forty men began to file out of the chapparal, shooting as we went. The Mexicans thought the whole American army had come upon them. They fled, taking a path into the chapparal on the other side of the road. Santa Anna was in the midst of his body-guard, and we did not see him. We ran out and captured the carriage that he had just vacated. We found there his cork leg, which he had taken off, so that he could ride through the thick chapparal on a mule which had been cut loose from the carriage. If we had been five minutes earlier we would have caught Santa Anna himself. "We also found in his carriage the gen-

eral's breakfast-a bottle of wine, some cheese and cakes. The carriage resembled the cabs we see on the streets, but it was much larger and rougher and more bungle-"I carried that leg on my right shoulder

all the way to our next encampment. It was sent back to Illinois, exhibited there, in New York and in other places, and is now in the museum in Illinois. "What we enjoyed most of all that morning was the Mexicans' breakfast, which they were just preparing. It had been a long time since we had had anything to eat, and we were dog tired from working and from wandering in the woods. We ate stamp which allows them to pass as govern-

was a Texas commander, whose name I do as snow, and he was very much excited. All the boys swore that he was frothing at the mouth when he rode through that pass after the fleeing Mexicans. "Some little while before the army reached the City of Mexico my time expired and I returned home. On the way back through Cerro Gerdo I went up on the heights to look at the bodies of the dead Mexicans. I had always heard that they ate so much pepper and the like that no

animal would touch their corpses. I went up on the side of the hill. A month had passed. There they were, lying with their faces down the slope, just as they had fallen when shot. The country was full of ly he shipped it back to Liverpool on the jackals and other ravenous beasts, but I next boat. From Liverpool it was shipped never found a single body that had been to London, and from London to Southamptouched by an animal."

A DECEPTIVE OLD MAN.

Deceived Guileless Newspaper Man and Said He Was Eli Perkins.

a reporter on one of the Topeka dailies, as-

signed to the duty of interviewing the prom-

inent arrivals at hotels, and enjoyed some correspondent the other evening when entertaining a number of the boys on Newspaper Row with Western reminiscences. "Among the arrivals at the Windsor Hotel one day was a venerable old bald-headed man who closely resembled the pictures of tery about the old man that the guests could not fathom. Finally I sent up my card to ciously received by him, and presented to his wife and five beautiful daughters. It was a strange thing to see five beautiful daughall of them seemingly about the same age. "When I ventured to ask the illustrious stranger about the significance of his mission to Topeka, he said:

"'I am the chief of the government weather bureau. Our mission and business is to furnish weather to suit the different States. I arranged the recent hurricane in money or credit to buy the few things that present at a hurricane which we have ap- this," she replied with conviction. "I alpointed to take place next Thursday, "'And you say that the Kansas City hurricane was gotten up especially for that city?

"Certainly, young man; you see, there had been a good deal of wind about Topeka, especially about the Statehouse, and Kansas City was jealous, so they sent for me to get roll of a Southern lumber manufcaturing up the rival wind, and I fancy I succeeded ty from the day he is born which is often institution suggestions of value to some of very well. Yes, sir,' said the old man, as he rubbed his bald head with a silk handkerchief, 'it was a pretty fair hurricane-pretty "'How hard did it blow over there?"

lied about their own wind.

asked, believing the Kansas City papers had

"'Well, my son, it blew hard-yes, very

their teeth and turned them inside out. "'Heavens! Did it kill them?'

discouraged, my son. There was one very queer circumstance, though. It seems that

meeting, when the wind caught them and blew them right up against a stone wall and flattened them out as thin as wafers. In the morning there they were stuck on Did it kill them?

"'No. you can't kill a reporter, my son But, as I was saying, the next morning there they stuck until Mr. Van Horn went out with a wheelbarrow and spade and scraped them off. 'Did you see these flattened reporters' "'I did. Mr. Van Horn was just sending

"'What for? What could they do wi these flat reporters in Texas?' "'Mr. Van Horn told me they were to be used as circus posters, and-"'What is your name?' I inquired.
"'You can rely upon my statements,
young man. My name is Eli Perkins.'

"Then I bade the old fellow a hasty adieu and 'rushed' a breezy story."

BOX FULL OF NOTHING.

How a Biscuit Box Got Lost and Journeyed Round the World.

The stage carpenter was opening a big, mysterious-looking box in the green room of the Hollis-street Theater and several members of "The Light That Failed" com pany, waiting for their cues, had gathered round to watch the operation. The stage carpenter worked slowly, pulling each nail carefully and placing them side by side on top of an artificial rock. "What's in it?" ventured one of the

standers. The stage carpenter looked and observed the crowd gathered round him. He gazed at them for a second or so and then went back to work, without condescending to reply to the question. He seemed to work even slower than before. The actors began to show impatience. The question of the hour seemed to be the contents of the box.

Finally the stage carpenter lifted one

end of the plank just a little way up. He waited; then he laid it down again. crowd looked foolish, but did not lose interest. The stage carpenter again lifted the lid and the crowd, pushing forward, saw that the box contained-nothing. "I fancy you feel very much as did the man who had opened our missing biscuit box," said a voice. It was Forbes Robertson, and in reply to a question he told something obout the "missing cracker box." "Why," laughed Mr. Robertson, "It's a rather good story with the joke on nobody in particular. You see, when we planned to produce 'The Light That Failed,' we realized that if we wished to keep up the tone of the play we must have the pro-logue, which is laid in Soudan, as nearly

accurate as possible. We got a well-known war correspondent to arrange the details of the camp and then we began to collect stuff to go with it. "As perhaps you may have heard, all the biscuits used by the British army are made by a celebrated firm in London who had an appointment from the King, These biscuits were put up in large oblong boxes and delivered to the commissary departments stenciled 'Soudan Field Force. Africa.' They also bear the government

must have some of those boxes for camps scene, and after a great deal difficulty I managed to get six empty ones from the firm that makes the biscuits. The boxes were shipped over to America for the American production last spring. In coming over one of the boxes went astray, and when our property man took stock he reported to me that the box was missing. I did not think much about it until last week, when I received a long letter from my friend who secured the boxes from the biscuit firm.

"It seems that the missing box had gone astray on a New York dock. It became separated from the others, and when it was discovered by the freight agent the only thing to identify it was the stencil. 'Soudan Field Force, Africa,' and the British government freight stamp. Accordington. There it was put on board a freighter

and sent to Africa. "Finally the biscuit box arrived at military station and was duly turned over to the commissary department. In course of time it was opened and then came the startling discovery that there was nothing in it. The commissary sergeant wrote a good hot letter to the biscuit firm and the "Several years ago I was employed as matter was investigated. My friend heard of it, and knowing that the only empty boxes sent out were those loaned to me, he correctly guessed the trouble. It's a novel experiences," remarked a Washington | rather good tale, don't you think so?" Then the call boy poked his head in and yelled "Scene two."

When She Ate Watermelon. New York Tribune.

She was very little, but very fond of watermelons, and when, after a generous dinner, a large slice of the luscious pink danced with delight. After a few mouthfuls of the filling dainty the inconveniences a month before the bank failed." of a really limited capacity began to assert ters traveling with the same parents, and themselves. For a moment or two she stopped eating; then she fell again to sitting very straight indeed, and with each additional mouthful the little back grew more rigid, the little shoulders rose higher and more squarely, until the appearance of the youthful feaster presented anything but questioned as to the cause of this: "Why. I can hold heaps more when I'm long like ways sit up straight when dessert comes.'

Where Babies Are Always Welcome.

The Osage country is a land where baby may always be sure of a large welcome. For one reason he has an earning capaciquite as great as his father's. One of the next things after naming the little pappoose is to go to Pawhuska, the capital of their nation, and have its name put upon the payroll. Once every three months Uncle amount paid to each Indian varies from

gone to the Happy Hunting Ground and just as much as does the oldest grand-"'My gracious!' So "Yes, sir; and worse than that. Four that when Chief Look Out not long ago had Kansas City editors got caught out in that | the happiness to be blessed with twins, he was not only eligible to the usual congratuwind. They carelessly left their mouths was not only eligible to the usual congratu-open when the wind caught them behind lations due a new father, but at the same time, unlike most new fathers, he found his estate increased by the snug little sum of \$23,000. For, until the children reach "'Well, no; but they were a good deal | the age of eighteen, their incomes are paid to their parents.

INDIAN MAGIC.

A Trick That Mystifled Lord Lytton, and One That Didn't Work. Longman's Magazine.

The following story of Indian magic was by the late Lord Lytton. I give it in my own words, for the excellent, though humiliating, reason that I have mislaid the

When in India Lord Lytten often sought out conjurers, but never saw any but the usual feats, such as the mango tree trick and the basket trick. The method in each case is known, or, at all events, plausible explanations have been given by Mr. Maskelyne and other experts. On one occasion Lord Lytton liked something in the looks of the conjurer who was performing in an open space before his house. After the ordinary exhibition his Lordship asked the magician if he could not do something more out of the common way. The man said he would try, and asked for a ring, which Lord Lytton gave him. He then requested an officer to take in either hand a handful of seeds; one sort was sesame, the name of the other my informant did not know. Holding these seeds and having the ring between his finger and thumb, the officer was to go to a well in the corner of the compound. He was to dispose of the seeds in a certain way-I think on the low wall round the well, into the depth of which he was to throw the ring. All this was done, and then the magi asked Lord Lytton where he would like the ring to reappear. He answered "in my dispatch box," of which the key was attached to his watch chain, or, at all events, he had it with him on the spot. The dispatch box was brought out. Lord Lytton opened it

and there was the ring. This trick would be easy if the British officer was a confederate of the juggier's, and if he possessed a duplicate key to the dispatch box. In that case he would not throw the ring into the well, but would take it into the house, open the box and insert the ring. But this explanation involves enormous improbabilities, while it is unlikely, again, that the conjurer managed to insert a duplicate ring into the dispatch box beforehand. Lord Lytton then asked the juggler if he could repeat the trick. He answered in the affirmative, and a lady lent another ring. Another officer took it, with the seeds, as before, and dropped the ring into the well. The countenance of the juggler altered in the pause which followed. Something, he said, had gone wrong, and he seemed agitated. Turning to the second officer, he said: "Did you arrange the seeds as I bade you?" "No." said the officer, "I thought that was nonsense and I threw them away." The juggler seemed horrifled. "Do you think I do this

by myself?" he said, and, packing up, he departed. The well was carefully dragged, and at last the lady's ring was brought to the sufface. That ring, at least, had certainly been in the water. But had the first ring been as faithfully consigned to the depths? Experts will be of various opinions as to that, yet the hypothesis of confederacy and of a duplicate key to the dispatch box is dif-

TWO KINDS OF FINANCIERING.

The Scheme of a Bank Clerk and that of the Bank Directors.

New York Sun. "I saw a man on the street the other day who got away with one of the simplest inspector who was in New York last week on his regular tour of duty. "This man was employed in a bank in a city up State. "It turned out when the bank closed its doors that it had been run very loosely, but that had nothing in particular to do with this man's operations. He was a clerk in the bank and made up the quar-

terly interest account.

each depositor for interest. It generally ran to three or four sheets, and the foo of each had to be carried to the top of the "Well, about the third sheet the clerk would enter the footing properly, then let a drop of ink fall on the first column of figures. He would let it dry there, thus obscuring the footing of the sheet. "In carrying over to the next sheet the footing that was blotted he would add \$1,000, so the total of the report would show

"This was a sheet showing what was due

\$1,000 more chargeable to interest than actually was a charge against the bank. He'd let this report go to the directors of the bank, with the idea that if the error was detected he would account for it by the blot, saying he had made a natural "When the sheet went through unqu tioned he proceeded to get possession of the \$1,000 by opening an account in the name of a fictitious person and crediting this account with \$1,000. The bank's accounts were thus forced to a balance. "Then by drawing checks on the account of the fictitious depositor he would draw the money out. When we nabbed him he

made a confession. He had been stealing about \$4,000 a year in this way.
"That was the bank," continued the inspector, "where, when the directors found the hole in the bottom, they fitted up a president's office in magnificent style, went out and got an ambitious millionaire showed him the office, asked him if he wouldn't like to be president and then sold him their stock at \$150. He wasn't in

Found in an Old Safe.

To buy an old safe for \$12.50, to find \$10 .-000 worth of diamonds and other jewelry in it, and then to discover that he had bought the safe and not its contents was that of satisfaction or enjoyment. When | the fortune and misfortune of Charles E. Putfarken, the former manager of the Hotel Langham It was at the auction sale of the hous hold effects of the late Mrs. A. Tefft, held last Thursday, that Mr. Putfarken ven-tured a bid of \$12.50 on an old-fashioned safe. No one bid higher, and he got the

In a secret drawer, tied up with great care, lay a little bundle. Mr. Putfarken quickly tore it open. Ten thousand dollars worth of jewels lay sparkling on the paper, which had grown gray with age. No one interested in the estate had any knowledge that the jewels were in existence. Unfortunately for Mr. Putfarken the law says that in such cases as his the Sam pays up the interest on the money buyer gets the article he buys and not its which he holds in trust for them, and the contents. Therefore, in due course, the heirs of Mrs. Tefft will benefit by this un-